

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph, with the following amended paragraph:

-- This application claims ~~priority benefit of: prior U.S. application entitled "Plant Trait Modification III," serial no.~~ the benefit of US Provisional Application No. 60/227,439, filed August 22, 2000; prior U.S. application entitled "Genes for Modifying Plant Traits," attorney docket number MBI 0022, serial no. _____, and this application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/713,994, filed November 16, 2000; and prior U.S. application entitled "Genes for Modifying Plant Traits II," serial no. _____, and this application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/837,944, filed April 18, 2001. The entire content of each of these applications is hereby incorporated by reference.--